

Commissioner's Weekly Wrap Up

DCS Communications Office

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This Week In Central Office

Governor Bredesen Presents Plan to Salvage TennCare

As a member of the Governor's Cabinet, Commissioner Miller attended the Governor's February 17 presentation to the public and General Assembly.

Following Bredesen's groundbreaking presentation, Miller was asked to speak to various media outlets and stakeholders about how the Governor's plan would affect Tennessee's children and families.

For additional information on the Governor's TennCare proposed plan, please follow the provided link: <http://www.state.tn.us/governor/tenncare.htm>

Yellow Brick Road Regional Retreat 2004

February 18, 19 & 20 proved to be three of our department's most exciting and productive days yet, as Commissioner Miller joined over 100 staff members from across the state for the 2004 Yellow Brick Road Regional Retreat!

Attendees included representatives of the following groups: regional administrators, case management staff from each DCS division, YDC and Group Home representatives, the Technical Assistance Committee (TAC), *Path to Excellence* Implementation Team, CSA executive directors and staff, foster and adoptive parents, and continuum providers.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, February 23

10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Miller will be a featured speaker at the Juvenile and Family Court Judges Convention in Nashville.

2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Miller will present an update on the Governor's Children's Cabinet to the Tennessee General Assembly's Select Committee on Children and Youth.

Tuesday, February 24

Here she comes!

Commissioner Miller will travel to the South East and Hamilton County regions for a field visit!

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Wednesday, February 25

9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Miller will address the Senate General Welfare Committee

Afternoon

Commissioner Miller will visit with the *Tullahoma News* editorial board regarding Governor Bredesen's proposed TennCare plan.

Team Excellence Challenge Update!

- Wow! The response to Commissioner Miller's Team Excellence Challenge has been fantastic! Thank you to all who took advantage of this amazing opportunity.
- Team Excellence interviews will be held the week of February 23. Due to the overwhelming number of resumes received, not all applicants will be interviewed; however, there remain numerous opportunities in Phase II of the Team Excellence Challenge! Thank you for understanding.



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Communications Update!

- ✓ Thank you for emailing us your favorite motivational and leadership quotes! Please continue sending them to: Sarah.beth.davis@state.tn.us. Please be sure to type "Motivational Quote" in the subject line. Thanks!
- ✓ The Commissioner's Weekly Wrap Up and archives are now available on the intranet!

While **you** are struggling with the fear that it **can't** be done -

Someone else is doing it!

~ Anonymous

There is nothing immoral or selfish about having **high standards**.

~ Cheryl Richardson, author and inspirational speaker
